

[CHAPTER 19]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To maintain the secrecy of military information.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective as of May 27, 1941, section 12 (h) of the Neutrality Act of 1939 (Public Resolution Numbered 54, Seventy-sixth Congress) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Any reports required by this section may be omitted or dispensed with in the discretion of the Secretary of State during the existence of a state of war."

Approved, January 26, 1942.

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[S. J. Res. 124]
[Public Law 414]

Neutrality Act of
1939, amendment.
54 Stat. 11.
22 U. S. C. § 452 (h).

National Munitions
Control Board, re-
ports.

[CHAPTER 20]

AN ACT

To provide protection of persons and property from bombing attacks in the United States, and for other purposes.

January 27, 1942

[S. 1936]
[Public Law 415]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not exceeding \$100,000,000, as may be necessary to enable the Director of Civilian Defense, appointed under authority of Executive Order Numbered 8757, dated May 20, 1941, to provide, under such regulations as the President may prescribe, facilities, supplies, and services to include research and development for the adequate protection of persons and property from bombing attacks, sabotage or other war hazards in such localities in the United States, its Territories and possessions, as may be determined by the said Director to be in need of, but unable to provide, such protection: *Provided*, That such facilities and supplies may be loaned to civil authorities in accordance with said regulations: *Provided further*, That any department or agency of the Federal Government having equipment or supplies not required for its use may, subject to the approval of the Division of Procurement, Treasury Department, transfer the same without charge (notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of December 20, 1928, 45 Stat. 1030) to the Director of Civilian Defense for the purpose herein authorized.

Civilian defense.
Appropriation au-
thorized.
Post, p. 99.
6 F. R. 2517.

Provisos.
Loan of facilities to
civil authorities.

Transfer of equip-
ment from Govern-
ment agencies.

40 U. S. C. § 311a.

Unauthorized wear-
ing of insignia, etc.

Proviso.
Local rights and du-
ties.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to wear an insignia, arm band, or other distinctive article prescribed by the Director of Civilian Defense except in accordance with the regulations promulgated under the authority of section 1 hereof: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the Director of Civilian Defense, or any person or employee acting under him by authority of this Act, or in pursuance of the regulations prescribed thereunder to interfere with or usurp any of the rights or duties of any local district, municipal, county, or State official.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Approved, January 27, 1942.

Penalty.

[CHAPTER 21]

AN ACT

Authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore on the Great Lakes during 1942.

January 27, 1942
[S. 2204]

[Public Law 416]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, by reason of emergency conditions in transportation on the Great Lakes, not-

Great Lakes.
Transportation of
iron ore.
Post, p. 735.